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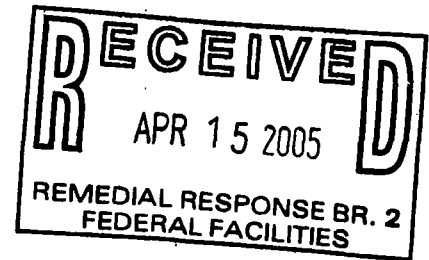
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Dear Lieutenant Colonel Quivey:

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) has reviewed the *Supplemental Environmental Baseline Survey, Fort Dearborn U.S. Army Reserve Center, Chicago, Illinois* dated March 2005 and received March 23, 2005. We also have received the draft *Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST), Fort Dearborn, Parcel A, US. Army Reserve Center, IL069* dated and received March 28, 2005. Together, these documents update the original environmental baseline survey (EBS) and provide the environmental condition of property (ECP) for Parcel A, the north parcel, at Fort Dearborn. The supplemental EBS revises the ECP categories for certain areas on Parcel A that underwent demolition work and other "housekeeping" activities.

Illinois EPA offers only one comment on the EBS and FOST. We concur with the findings of the EBS and concur with the ECP categories now assigned to Parcel A. However, we question the need for an additional groundwater use restriction due to the adjacent site SS-019 on the O'Hare Air Reserve Station. Site SS-019 requires a soil restriction as a prohibition against residential reuse. This soil contamination did not extend to the Fort Dearborn property. The potential for future groundwater contamination at O'Hare was addressed through a Chicago ordinance that already prohibits the installation of groundwater wells on the O'Hare property and would also prohibit installation on the Fort Dearborn property. Illinois EPA suggests the supplemental EBS (Sections 4.2 and 5.1) and FOST (Section 8.1.3) eliminate reference to any additional groundwater use restriction and instead, reference the Chicago ordinance as a sufficient land use control. The inclusion of a groundwater restriction for the Fort Dearborn property, above and beyond that provided by the Chicago ordinance would be redundant and

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confusing, especially since groundwater associated with Fort Dearborn is not actually contaminated.

Other than this, we have no additional comment. Please provide a copy of the revised supplemental EBS and FOST before the public comment period for the FOST commences, if possible.

Please be advised that the Illinois EPA has no authority to approve or disapprove property transfers or lease arrangements. The parties receiving the properties are responsible for determining their potential liability, reporting, and permitting requirements.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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